*Letter*

## Support your local Red Cross Bloodmobile

To the public:

I'm counting on all of you to come out to donate blood on Monday, Dec. 22. Remember there are a lot of people counting on us. The time and place is the same as usual, Liberty Baptist Church from 12 noon until 6 p.m. The staff will be larger so you will not have to be kept waiting long, I am sure.

There will be nursery facilities, as usual, for the workers as well as the donors, so don't let your little ones keep you at home. They will enjoy the stay in the well equipped nursery.

On this visit we are asking the volunteer workers to please park at the far end of the church or in back and leave the front parking spaces for the donors. This will be convenient for the ones only coming to stay a short while.

The Red Cross Blood services would like some commitment from us as to the number of donors that we plan to come out on that date so they can justify sending a larger staff. Our telephone committee will start calling soon, so please make your plans and be able to tell them when they call. If you would like an appointment please call 352-8112. This will assure you not having to wait. Our telephone committee only calls previous donors so if you are not on our list and wish to start now please call or come on anyway. Remember no one knows who will need blood next. More about bloodmobile next week!

Sincerely,
Alice C. Martin,
Chairman Blood Services

REEDY SPRINGS Baptist Church's new addition will be the focal point of a celebration this weekend.

*Bible and Daily Living*

# .....And then came Jesus!

By WILLIAM L. TRIMYER

.....And Then Came Jesus!
Lesson for December 7, 1980
Scripture References: Matthew 1:1-17; 5:17-20; 9:9; 13:51-52; 23:1-12
Focal Passages: Matthew 1:1, 17; 5:17-20; 9:9; 13:51-52
Introduction

You have suffered through agonizing days of pain...and then came relief! You have waited longingly to hear from a loved one or a friend...and then came a telephone call or letter! As a father, you paced the floor waiting for your wife to deliver...and then came the news that you were the father of a son! You labored through years of schooling... and then came graduation day! You lived through years of darkness...and then came the light of Christ!

Our Christian Heritage [Matt. 1:1,17]

One cannot creatively deal with the present until he comes to grips with his past. While our origins do not and need not dictate our present or future, they do shape much of who we are.

The Old Testament contains the roots of our Christian heritage. In the Old Testament we see the unfolding drama of how God has acted in history to bring about his divine plan and purposes. Thus, the Old and New Testaments are two acts of one drama.

The Old Testament reflects the struggles of God's people through many years of darkness...and then came Jesus. He becomes the climax of Israel's national history and of God's eternal redemptive plan.

The coming of Christ did not nullify all that had gone before. While Jesus represents a new beginning and a new covenant, he emerged on the divine scene to complement God's earlier activities. Jesus himself said, "I have not come to abolish the law....but to fulfill the law."

It is interesting that Matthew opens his gospel with a genealogy in order to link up Jesus with the Old Testament prophecies and history.

Jesus: A fulfillment of the Old [Matt. 5:17-20]

Jesus and his teachings were not received with open arms. Some believed that he was bent upon undermining the authority of the Old Testament scriptures. Yet Jesus actually underscored the importance of the law. He supported the commandments and urged his followers to do the same:

Jesus was sensitive to the laws of God as they appeared in written form. What bothered Jesus were the strange interpretations that people placed upon the divine law.

This is a problem that is common today. Some of the interpretations we make are sometimes life-destroying rather than life-fulfilling, that is, we turn the Bible into a code of laws rather than presenting it as a Book of Life.

Legalism restricts a person from blossoming into the creation God intends. Legalism restricts rather than frees an individual to enjoy their faith. Jesus came to show us what it means to be truly human and truly alive. He came to show us that we are to celebrate life, not abhor it.

Jesus rejected the notion that righteousness is achieved by maintaining strict laws and rituals. He actually offered a righteousness based on faith alone. We are accepted by faith, not by what we do.

The church sometimes places expectations upon people which they are unable to live up too. Faith in Christ is something to enjoy and celebrate, not something that places us in a binding straight-jacket. A faith that imprisons is sharply lacking. A faith which frees, however, is one that helps people see and enjoy their uniqueness as God's children.

...And Then Came Jesus [Matt. 9:9]

Our lesson briefly touches upon the calling of Matthew. Matthew was a tax collector, a profession that did not win many friends or influence many people. We might conjecture that Matthew lived a life that had more negative qualities that positive ones. He may have had few friends and little joy in life.

...And then came Jesus! Matthew encounter with Jesus broadened his horizon and brought meaning to an otherwise empty life.

An Old and New Treasure [Matt. 13:51-52]

Jesus often spoke in parables or picture stories. Matthew's gospel contains many of the parables that Jesus used in his teaching. Jesus looked to his disciples to carry their understanding of the Old Testament and his message of the kingdom to all pilgrims everywhere. They were to proclaim both the old and the new as God's divine word for all people. In other words, they were to proclaim the new covenant in Christ without throwing out the old covenant.

What this amounts to is keeping the good stuff! When we clean out our basements and attics we generally keep the "good stuff." Our home has both new furniture and antiques. They are treasures both old and new!

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## Miss Nash stars in play

"Ladyhouse Blues" is the story of a turn-of-the century mother and her four daughters struggling to survive and remain a family. Liz, the mother, is the strength of the family. She is deeply religious but she has had some hard times and now, she waits for Bud, her only son to come home and take over the family.

It seems her family is falling apart. Helen is dying of tuberculosis. Dot has married into a family far above her raising. Terry is a struggling feminist and Egie is in love.

Directed by Dr. Young, "Ladyhouse Blues" is being presented in conjunction with Longwood Players and the Department of Speech and Dramatic Arts in Marman Auditorium December 3, 4, 5, and 6 beginning at 8:00 P.M. Tickets will be sold at the door.

Tamara Nash, an Appomattox County High School graduate, and a Sophomore English major at Longwood, is portraying the role of Terry.

*Reedy Spring*

## Dedication set

On Sunday, December 7, the Reedy Spring Baptist Church will have Homecoming and dedication of the new sanctuary. The morning service will begin at 11 a.m. and lunch will follow.

The Rev. Omar Burnett will be the afternoon speaker at 2 p.m. Special music is planned as part of the afternoon service.

The public is cordially invited to attend.

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Social News

Miss Nancy Scruggs and Mr. Curtis Turkin of West Palm Beach, Fla., visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Scruggs over the Thanksgiving holiday.

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Home for the Thanksgiving holidays were David Marshall of Richmond, Mark Marshall, a student at JMU, and Tim Marshall, a freshman at VPI. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Marshall of Appomattox.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leveque and family were Thanksgiving Day and weekend guests of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leonard C. Garrett.

Mr. and Mrs. George Kruer of Arlington, Va., were guests last weekend of her mother, Mrs. Irving C. Moses.

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Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Robinson of Baltimore, Md. spent a week visiting their mother and sister, Mrs. Bessie Robinson and Mrs. Dorothy Patrick also her son, John Robinson over the weekend.

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### Birth announced

Wayne and Beverly Bowman are proud to announce the birth of a son Benton Wayne Bowman born Friday, November 14, 1980 at 2:26 p.m. in Virginia Baptist Hospital. Little Benton weighed in at 7 lbs 3 ozs.

Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Wiley Alton Moore of Appomattox, Va.

Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Murphy Franklin Bowman of Cana, Va.

• Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Thomas of Newport News, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Newcomb, Cindy and Scotty of Piedmont, Mr. and Mrs. [illegible] Md., and Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Almond and Dana of Madison Heights were guests of their mother, Mrs. S. J. Evans, over the holiday weekend.

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Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Brown and children have returned to their home in Westerville, Ohio, after spending the Thanksgiving holiday with Mrs. Sue Johnson of Route 4.

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Mrs. Rachel F. Lawson and Mrs. Betty McGann left Tuesday to attend funeral services for Mrs. Anna Bell Lawson in Bluefield, West Virginia. Mrs. Lawson, widow of Harry H. Lawson, died Monday in a Roanoke hospital following an extended illness.

### Methodists plan bazaar

The United Methodist Women of Pamplin Methodist Church will have a Christmas Bazaar luncheon at the Masonic Lodge in Pamplin this Saturday, Dec. 6.

The day will consist of the sale of various handcrafts and a luncheon, all starting at 10:30 a.m. and continuing throughout the day.

The public is cordially invited to attend this event.

Visiting Mr. L. H. Childers, Sr., and Tom Childers of Oakville, on Thanksgiving Day were Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Childers, Jr. and Marilen Childers of Hixston, Tenn., Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Childers, Carolyn Childers, Kevin Childers, Eddie Childers, Ian Matthew Childers, Martha Young, Mrs. James G. Doss, Anita Doss, Darrell Doss, and Chris Doss of Lynchburg, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baldwin, Cheryl Baldwin and Beth Baldwin of Amherst. Mrs. T. G. Marsh, Mr. and Mrs. Lynn R. Godsey and Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Godsey of Appomattox.

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Darlene Wanda Meadows
G. Daniel Stratton

## Meadows, Stratton announce engagement

Mrs. Carolyn Meadows of Lynchburg, and Mr. Ramsey Meadows also of Lynchburg announce the engagement of their daughter, Darlene Wanda, to G. Daniel Stratton, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Marshall Stratton of Concord.

Miss Meadows is a graduate of Rustburg High School, and Lynchburg General School of Nursing and is presently employed by Lynchburg General Marshall Lodge Hospital.

Mr. Stratton is a graduate of Appomattox County High School and the Cincinnatti College of Morutary Science and is presently employed by the Robinson Funeral Home, Appomattox.

The wedding is planned for the evening of May 16, at 7:00 p.m. at Flatcreek Baptist Church, Lynchburg.

Although no invitations will be issued, friends and relatives are invited to attend.

## Local woman set to debut

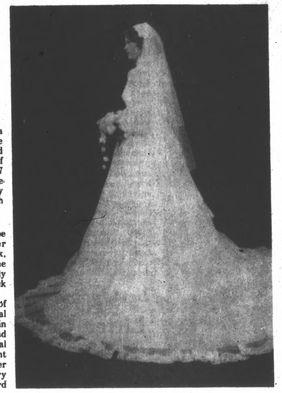
Miss Edith Clere Smoak, a student at Ferrum College and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Allen Smoak of Appomattox, is one of 17 young women who will make their debuts into society Monday, Dec. 29, at the 84th annual Holly Festival Ball.

The ball, which will be held in the Lancaster Auditorium in Kilmarnock, will be preceded by the annual Tidewater Assembly Dinner at Indian Creek Yacht and Country Club.

The Holly Ball is one of the oldest Christmas festival balls still held annually in America. John Armistead Palmer, civic and social leader, organized the event in 1895, patterning it after the candlelit balls customary from the time of Lord Fairfax.

The black-tie invitational ball benefits the Tidewater Foundation, Inc. whose major projects in the past few years have supported such organizations as the Lancaster County Public Library, Lancaster High School, Mary Ball Museum and Library, Chesapeake Academy, and The Lancaster Players, Inc.

Miss Helen Towles Palmer, a student at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gresham Palmer of Lancaster.



Mrs. Larry Wayne Mays

## Jane Faye Pugh wed to Larry Wayne Mays

The wedding of Miss Jane Faye Pugh to Mr. Larry Wayne Mays was an event of Saturday, Nov. 15, 1980, at three o'clock in the afternoon in the Spring Creek Baptist Church.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Woodrow Pugh of Darlington Heights and the bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Warner Mays of Hampden-Sydney, Virginia.

The Rev. Clyde Duane Sears of Newton Falls, Ohio, former pastor of Spring Creek Baptist Church performed the double ring ceremony before an altar of white candles and arrangements of yellow and bronze flowers.

A program of nuptical music was presented by Miss Lisa Bryant.

The bride was escorted to the altar by her father and given in marriage by her parents.

The bride wore a dress of silk organza fashioned with a fitted bodice. The high sheer neck and bishop sleeves were edged with chantilly lace and seed pearls. Godet panels with chantilly lace adorned the front and tiered cathedral skirt ending in a chapel train.

Her head dress was of matching lace to which was attached the finger tip length veil of illusion. The bride carried a cascading bouquet of white and yellow rosebuds and baby's breath.

Miss Joan Marie Ellyson of Chesapeake, cousin of the bride was maid of honor. She wore a floor length dress of forest green fashioned with high sheer neckline. She carried a nosegay of bronze mums and miniature daisies.

Bridesmaids were Miss Julie Ryan and Miss Sharon Townsend of Farmville. They wore dresses identical to that of the honor attendant.

Mr. Lwelyn Gilliam of Pamplin was best man and ushers were Mr. Henry Womack and Mr. Rodger Childress, cousin of the bride.

Miss Christy Lynn Pugh was flower girl and Jason Tinsley, cousin of the bride was ring bearer.

Following the ceremony, the bride's parents entertained with a reception in the fellowship hall.

The wedding was directed by Mrs. Clinton Childress and Mrs. John Howard.

Following a wedding trip to Niagra Falls, Canada, New York, and Pennsylvania, the couple will reside in Farmville, Va.

## Miss Bugg appears in 1981 "Miss Hopewell" pageant

Miss Nadine Bugg, "Miss Appomattox 1980" appeared on stage and was recognized as "Special Guest" at the "1981 Miss Hopewell" pageant this past weekend.

She was accompanied and chaperoned to the pageant by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Bugg.

## UDC Christmas party slated

The Appomattox Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy met on Thursday, Nov. 20 at 12:30 p.m. for a luncheon meeting, with the president, Mrs. Hazel Lee Martin presiding. Mrs. Ethel Martin returned thanks for the meal.

Following the luncheon Mrs. Tilden Lee presented a historical program to the fifteen chapter members on Simon Baruch.

Mrs. Hazel Lee Martin read the ritual and Confederate Prayer.

Mrs. Mary Sue Gordon led the group in pledge to the United States Flag.

Ms. Louise Plunkett led in salutes to the Virginia Flag, and Mrs. Frances Harvey led in salutes to the Confederate Flag.

The meeting concluded with the joinig of hands and singing "Bless Be the Tie."

On December 18 the U.D.C. will meet on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. at Maude's Restaurant for their annual Christmas dinner meeting. For reservations telephone Mrs. Rachel Lawson, 352 7436 or Mrs. Louise Plunkett, 352-8955.

## St. Anne's bazaar planned

St. Anne's Episcopal Church Bazaar which was held last Saturday, Nov. 29, was a huge success. The organizers thanked all the patrons who helped make it successful.

At the end of the day, the prizes were awarded for the winning tickets. Bobby Shupe of Appomattox won the hand-made quilt. Anne Leigh Kerr won the Afghan and Jennifer Greenwood won the basket of pickles and jellies.

Congratulatis to these three lucky people!

## Club activities set

The Concord Garden Club continued planning for its scheduled Home Garden Show during its November meeting. The show is slated for this Saturday, Dec. 6.

"Christmas comes to Concord" is the theme of the show. It will be held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Raymond "Ray" Carson, Sr.

The club invites the public to come and enjoy the exhibits Saturday, from 2-5 p.m. and from 7-9 p.m.

The Concord Garden Club held the November meeting in the home of Mrs. J. F. MacKenzie with Mrs. John W. Pratt as co-hostess.

Mrs. John Wooldridge conducted a workshop for members on fresh flower arrangements. One arrangement was delivered by some of the club members to Mrs. James Hammond who has just returned home from the hospital and was unable to attend the meeting.

## Liberty bells to ring

The Liberty Youth Singers will ring the church's newly purchased hand bells as a part of "The First Sounds of Christmas," to be presented on Sunday, Dec. 7, at 7:30 p.m.

The youth will include favorite secular and sacred Christmas songs especially reaching out to the tiny tots and senior adults.

The nursery school choir will be present to share a Christmas program. Both choirs are directed by Mrs. J. Franklin Vaughan.

The Amazing Grace Choir for senior adults will sing the call to worship, directed by John Ball.

The church choir for children, ages 4 and 5, will share in the program directed by Gloria Richardson.

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